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GENERAL MOTORS MAN AND FREE PRESS

Two weeks, three weeks and a month have passed since Bynum Griffin made an attempt at murder of the editor of The Crusader. This cowardly, cold-blooded attempt upon human life was carried out in broad daylight under the watchful eyes of indifferent highway patrolmen and stunned and horrified private citizens. Nothing has been done in the way of applying law equally toward the wealthy criminal and the poor criminal, the white and black one.

Bynum Griffin is immune to the law simply because he happens to be a white man who tried to murder a colored person in the Angola of the United States called Monroe. Bynum Griffin is above American law because he is a part of southern white gentry. His dastard crime is looked on with favor by the white people in this social jungle.

Bynum Griffin is a leading white citizen of Monroe. If he wills that Afro-Americans should be killed, if he is enough under the influence of his intoxicating drinks to execute his will, then he is exempt from the very laws that would prove a deterrent. Bynum Griffin is typical of white gentry here, local laws, state laws or federal laws mean nothing to him.

It goes without saying as to what would have happened if a colored person had tried to murder a white person on an open U. S. Highway, endangering the lives of all who travel the route. Afro-Americans must face up to the fact that the life of a black man in Monroe, N. C. has about as much value in the eyes of the law as a cricket. It is bad enough that Bynum Griffin and his protege, Carrol Presslar, a poor young cracker boy who tried to emulate the big man by making the second attempt on Williams life, are still roaming the streets dreaming of homicide, but lawless Bynum Griffin, I am told, has decided to abolish freedom of speech and the press in Monroe.

Monroe has long been a place where there is a wantom disregard for the U. S. Constitutional and human rights. Local

"THIS IS THE WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY, HANG THE 'NIGGER LOVING' BITCH!"

bigots are accustomed to doing as they see fit. This is the vein in which Bynum Griffin has been harrassing and trying to intimidate Crusader Newsboys. Newsboys have reported that when they attempted to sell the Crusader on the Main uptown streets of Monroe, they have been molested by Bynum Griffin. In one of the latest incidents, a Crusader newsboy reports that the would-be

murderer kept cruising very slowly past him in a very expensive Cadillac, called him "black sons of bitches" and threatened to kill him. Bynum Griffin is making a desperate effort to curb the circulation of The Crusader,

There is only freedom of the press in America when people like killer Griffin approve of what is printed in the press. Evidently, local officials have never heard of the right of free speech, let alone the fact that it is their duty to protect it.

The question has arisen in Monroe as to whether the U.S. Constitution shall prevail or the will of such men as Bynum Griffin. The Crusader again asks its readers and all fair minded people everywhere to write the U.S. Justice Department and General Motors about this man Bynum Griffin who represents them here as their Chevrolet and Pontiac dealer. If you have not yet written General Motors, please do so today.

OUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER

For three hundred years, Afro-Americans have prayed and begged the racist white man for freedom and mercy. The bigot has shown a great incapacity to grant neither. We are asked to endure deliberate insults and injuries that no other race on the face of the earth would submit to without a fight. We are looked upon as less than human. We are considered no more than a bundle of patience and loyalty.

Our loyalty is considered related to that of a dog. A dog will suffer all forms of abuse and still love the master who abuses him. This dog loyalty on the part of so-called Negroes prolong the time of our suffering and oppression.

We boast too much about our loyalty and sworn non-violence struggle for our own good. It is high time for us to serve notice that we too are men and that it is only human for men to grow tired of oppression and bondage. To hell with pious sounding phrases of morality in struggle against a beast. The slave who submits to the beast has no claim to moral virtues. Morality in struggle is a luxury the slave class cannot afford. So-called good nigras should stop kidding themselves about the power of non-violence and love. I have never heard of an oppressor using this "powerful weapon" to maintain his slave holdings.

There is no law or moral code her from which an Afro-American can seek refuge. The federal government says that it cannot move in until something serious happens. Our only alternative is to arm and prepare to effectively meet violence with violence.

Because there is no law here and because our people can be killed with impunity, we ask people everywhere who believe that Afro-Americans should have the same right as whites to live on the earth to contribute to our arms fund. We want every colored person who desires to defend himself to be armed in Union County. This is the first step toward peace and harmony. This is the only way to interest a government more interested in rights in Berlin than in Monroe, N. C. U.S.A.

PUPIL SURPASSES TEACHER

The United States has proclaimed to the world that she is ready to risk nuclear war and consequent universal desolation to preserve "freedom" and "democracy" in Berlin. Berlin was once designated to become the world capitol of racism. She was the pride of Nezi Aryan superiority. It is shameful that a government that refuses to safeguard democratic rights and freedom in its own country pretends to be a champion of human rights and freedom in Berlin. This is a farce of the first magnitude,

How hypocritical can a nation get? We are told that all traces of Nazism have been erased from the minds of those who lived and enjoyed the privileges of a social order based on hate

and tyranny. We are [illegible] by warmongering politicians that the whole German way of life has been changed in a short span of years. These same politicians tell us that the ways of the South cannot be changed in a short period of time. Yes, the politicians tell us that it requires generations to wipe out prejudice and hatred in the South of the United States.

No doubt, there are those who say that the Nazis were crushed militarily and this explains why they have so easily been converted to the democratic way of life. If this is the case, why is it that a hundred years after the South was crushed militarily, in the Civil War, politicians tell us that the South must have still more time to adjust to new standards of decency and democracy?

The joke of the whole matter of Nazi mores being suddenly changed to a fair play attitude, free of prejudice, is sheer hypocrisy. Who led the Nazis along this noble road? Evidently the United States of America deserves this credit. How can the U.S.A. give a fair appraisal of democracy in Germany or anywhere else in the world, when Mississippi and the South constitute a part of so-called democratic America? If the United States has trained the Nazi mind to follow the true paths of democracy, then the pupil has already surpassed the teacher. The U.S. would do well to concentrate on safeguarding democracy and freedom in Dixie instead of Berlin. Freedom and democracy, like charity, should start at home and spread abroad.

ON THE MONROE SCENE:

Culprits are still calling and threatening to blow up Robert F. Williams' home and family.

The job of anonymous callings has been taken over from the white punks by the white women.

Men known as Klansmen hang out at the local police station agitating. A police station is not a general store and tobacco chewers should be forced to "chaw the rag" elsewhere.

The Robert Williams story is being injected into politics. Too bad the great party of Lincoln is now offering haven to disgruntled Ku Kluxers and White Citizen Councils boys who have become political opportunists:

Reprint from The Charlotte Observer:(AP)

The U.S. State Department made a "grievous error" in not granting a passport to Cuba to Robert F. Williams, a political official asserted here Wednesday.

Williams, a Negro and controversial figure in racial disorders during recent years, said last week that he had been denied a passport. He has visited Cuba twice since Castro came to power.

E. Boyd Aycock, Republican chairman of the Union County, said Wenesday:

"The new Frontier-controlled State Department has made a grievous error, in my opinion, by refusing to grant a visa to Cuba for Robert F. Williams of Monroe. Williams, who is an admitted friend and admirer of Castro, applied for a passport as a journalist, saying he wished to take his family 'with the possibility of staying in Cuba permanently.'

"It has been my observation in discussing Robert F. Williams and his writings with both white and colored citizens of Union County that the State Department did the vast majority of the citizens of both races a grave injustice in not allowing Williams to move to Cuba."

Local editors are no editors at all- they only run reprints from other journals. They are too spineless to write editorials. The only editorial vocabulary they have is to prefix reprints from other papers about Robert F. Williams with "racial agitator."

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ADDRESS BY
OSGAYEFO DR. KWAME NKRUMAH
President of the Republic of Ghana to the 15th Session of the United Nation's General Assembly, September 23, 1960.

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...A military alliance with any atomic power is therefore, in the view of the Government of Ghana, a threat to the security of Africa and world peace.

The Government of Ghana therefore feels that it is its duty to support all measures taken within the framework of the United Nations Charter and in collaboration with like-minded African States to prevent the establishment or maintenance of military bases on the African continent.

This is one of the main reasons why the Government of Ghana believes that no African State should enter into an alliance of a military nature with any outside Power. Any such alliance not only involves the state concerned in the risk of being drawn into nuclear warfare, it also endangers the security of the neighboring African States.

"Fall-out" is no respecter of frontiers and a declaration of neutrality cannot save the people of any African State from nuclear poisoning, once atomic war is introduced into the African continent.

In order to ensure that such bases are not established in Africa, I suggest that an arrangement should be made by the United Nations whereby new States admitted to this organization should register with it any treaties they may have entered into with their former colonial powers.

I hope that the great powers who possess atomic weapons will appreciate our feelings in this regard and will voluntarily relinquish any bases that they may at present possess in Africa. I believe that it is the duty of the United Nations to encourage the growth of zones free from under nuclear warfare. A start in this policy must be made somewhere and I therefore make the positive proposal that whatever other steps may be taken to effect nuclear disarmament, a start should be made by all nuclear powers agreeing to keep Africa out of their nuclear warfare plans.

Looking at the problem of nuclear disarmament, generally, the small nations of the world can make a useful contribution. Since the great powers suspect each other so much, and since inspection on the spot appears to me to be one of the most effective means of obtaining concrete results, these great powers should agree to a system of inspection where the inspection teams are only composed of certain members of the small uncommitted nations. This would eliminate all suspicion, create confidence in the inspection method and help to solve this crucial and vital issue.

And here I must refer in particular to the question of French atomic tests in the Sahara. The element of French intimidation contained in the tests was a positive provocation against Africa and a threat to world peace. We have no doubt that France chose the Sahara to demonstrate to African States their political weakness. This nuclear blackmail brings home forcibly to the Independent African States the importance of creating and maintaining their solidarity against any attacks upon the peace and security of the African continent.

We cannot overlook the fact that France is militarily allied to certain other powers and that in fact France is only able to carry out these nuclear tests through the support which she receives militarily from other nations. We believe that the allies of France could do much more than they have done hitherto to dissuade the French Government from resuming atomic tests. The very least they could do would be to offer France the use of their own testing grounds...

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JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION

DID YOU KNOW? By....Asa Lee

I've been thinking and wondering about the many, many anonymous phone calls that the Robert F. Williams family has received from angry whites here. The calls apparently come from the "poor white trash" bracket, judging from the tone of speech. The calls are filled with profanity and threats. I wonder, just what sort of people are they, who make these calls. Why are they so angry? If the Williams' children answer the phone, the whites curse them out, if Mrs. Robert F. Williams answers, they curse her, and when Robert answers, oh boy, then there is really a field day in profanity and threats.

Have these white people, who make these calls, ever considered that they are angry and ready "to kill" the Williams family, simply because Robert F. Williams desires the same things in life that they do? He hasn't broken any laws. He merely asks that people, regardless of color, be permitted to work, eat, live, play, and learn together. What's so wrong about that? Isn't that the way American society is supposed to be? Or is it only a socialist regime, that allows complete freedom to all its citizens?

The entire Afro-American freedom struggle in America is only trying to put into action the words of the United States Constitution. It seems to me, those who do not agree with the constitution of the United States, should be placed in the same category that Americans put all other enemies of this country. We need not go to Berlin to suppress the spread of Communism, that is suppose to be dangerous to us, we have a more terrible and devastating enemy right here in Dixie, U.S.A.

These whites who are fighting an integrated society, should realize that America and yes, their hometowns would progress in every way, if all citizens were free to exercise their human rights.

Why do these whites seem to think that they are the priviledged race? Are they so unlearned as to think that God gave them all the brains, all the sense, all the knowledge? How long will it require for prejudiced whites to realize that their prejudices are the very thing that is creating the race trouble in America?

The Afro-American is bascially prejudice-free, and is willing to live in an integrated society, not because he is "inferior" and waiting to be accepted, but rather because he is the image of his Creator, and like his Creator, stands at the door of prejudiced whites' hearts and knocks.

The prejudiced whites here, display more ignorance of the constitution, than is typical of Americans. Many Afro-Americans are beginning to realize this. Heretofore, brainwashed Afro-Americans believed the "white was right and black get back" policy was correct. They were not alone in their beliefs, for the whites believed it too. Now that a social revolution is sweeping over the world, these prejudiced, unlearned whites are unprepared for the change. They do not understand. They have not been told the facts of life. They only believe that because "I'm white, I'm superior." So whenever a change is threatening, in their locale, whoever starts the threatening change, they believe him to be a "troublemaker", "agitator," "Communist" etc.

The learned whites know that a change is inevitable. They know that the constitution of the United States is right. But they silently give consent to their poor, ignorant unlearned people, who are hollering like white mouth mules, and with blood in their eyes at the alledged "troublemakers", hoping that in some miraculous way, the status-quo will be maintained.

For too long, the South has allowed small-minded, uneducated, prejudiced whites to lead it. How can the South say that it cannot have an integrated society? Has the South ever tried it?

Those anonymous phone callers to the Williams family, are products of

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FIDEL CASTRO SPEAKS WITH THE PRISONERS

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FIDEL:...To shoot you would be easy and would be justified but it would be equivalent to judging all people by one person and the least guilty would pay with the most guilty, the least conscious with the most conscious, the least mistaken with the most mistaken.

And, now, I think it would be well for you to say something to these who trained you, to those who gave you the guns, to those who helped you to come here. I think it would be well for you to say something to America and to the people of the United States. What you think now and what your attitude would be if the United States would throw its soldiers against us. And, I think it would be well if you would say something to those who had the luck to stay there, or maybe the disgrace, because who knows which is worse, to continue living in that hell of lies that is the United States or to have gone through this experience!

Now, I will leave to you the floor so that you can talk to the future aggressors. You know that for every rifle we have here in the country there are three men who want to use it because in Cuba there is no shortage of men! Understand, that you contribute so that the people will understand what happened here is a lesson for those that would come here.

A PRISONER SPEAKS: To those companeros who stayed on the other side, I want to explain that after having heard this night the words of Dr. Fidel Castro and having heard and read the contents of the telegram in which was revealed by the North American magazine "Time" how the invasion was projected and paid by the United States and how everyone (of the prisoners) was thinking there is no other conclusion except that every one of us was made the victim of a vile deception and a dirty treason and that we were mistaken.

I only hope that all those who stayed there re-evaluate their thinking concerning those who are trying to embark us on an adventure in which they represent only the sad cannon fodder because their leaders stay there, spending the money that with the risk of our lives they got from the United States. We have opened our eyes at a high price and now it pains us to have had to kill our own brothers. What we want now is that they put us close to those who sent us here to this butchery.

I swear that we would eat them alive. That, for this reason, if another aggression is produced we will be the first that will be struggling against those who deceived us and deceived all the world. You can depend upon that from this moment on we will be together with the people of Cuba, to fight face to face whatever enemy, whatever foreign enemy, comes to invade our country.

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LIBERTY AND REVOLUTIONS

Let us pause for a moment, and contemplate the grand march of revolution and liberty, which has already gilded the page of the history of our times with the greatest crimes of oppression, and the most glorious achievements of the patriot that ever despot had to mourn or the world to admire.

Knowledge, the inclined plane of power and the lever of liberty, hath gone abroad in our age, and it has awakened the world from the deep slumber of slavery in which it had reposed for ages-- it hath roused it to its wrongs, and behold! thrones are crumbling and crowns crushing beneath the wheels of the car of the patriots and pioneers of liberty.

The love of liberty is inherent in every creature that breathes and basks in the sunbeam of heaven-- every animal that flies in the air, floats in the ocean, and ambulates the earth. The beautiful bird that droops its plumage in the cage pines for the open field and flowery grove, where it may sing its

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THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

(Part one) By ARTHUR MOYSE
LONDON, ENGLAND

The English are a passive and a tolerant people not given to violence or the deliberate cultivation of brutality as a political weapon and it is for this reason that when an act of mass bigotry or mob terror happens, it becomes news of world import for the argument can be advanced that if it can happen in England, then all barriers are fallen before the evil of discrimination and no man can lay down his head without fear that his religion, his political beliefs or the colour of his skin will place him at the mercy of the hydra headed mob. In Staffordshire is the large industrial city of Birmingham and near by stands the small town of Smethwick with its population of 68,000 souls of whom 2,000 are coloured and one of these coloured people is Sardar Mohammed from Pakistan. He is married man with two young children and has lived in Britain for ten years. Eight years ago, he bought his own home but it is now due to be demolished under the town's redevelopement scheme.

Sardar Mohammed was, by council decree, placed on the list of those to be rehoused in council flats and the transfer was to take place on August 10th, but a well organized outbreak of racial hatred has focused the eyes of the country on this small Midland town for two hundred tenants, claiming to represent eight hundred families already living in the council flats, have stated that they will refuse to pay their rent beginning the 26th of July if Sardar Mohammed is moved into a council flat. But the socialist controlled council have in their turn stated bluntly and without equivocation that Sardar Mohammed and his family SHALL be moved into the council flat and the town's Labour Party group have said, "We intend to stick to our guns". Smethwick's fifty year old Mayor, Councillor Richard Prichard, spoke of his alarm at the propaganda that is being pumped into the town to foment this racial hatred and he said "It seems to be following exactly the same policy as that used by Hitler in Germany", and that Smethwick will become another Notting Hill, or at the very worse, another Little Rock", and Deputy Mayor, Alderman Leslie Morris has gone on record that "this is the moment of truth - and the council is not afraid to face the issue. WE WILL NEVER HAND OVER TO MOB RULE". But from nearby Birmingham the newly formed British Immigration Control Association has swung the full force of their anti-racist propaganda onto this small town and A.H. Jones of Regent Road Handsworth the Birmingham secretary of this oddly named group claims that they have 15,000 members in seven Midland towns and that a branch of the Association has been started in Smethwick and Jones said "We are holding a committee meeting tomorrow (24/7/61) and I'm hoping that we shall lend our support to the council tenants of Smethwick in their fight to ban the the coloured families from council flats."

That, at the time of writing, is the position but those that demand racial discrimination have claimed one victory for Sandwell Youth Club, one of the t town's largest Youth Clubs, banned coloured teenagers from membership of their club, but whether this will prove to be a pyrrhic victory for these ill-advised Youth leaders will be decided in the next few weeks for as the Deputy Mayor has said, "This is the moment of truth". (Part two, the outcome of these events, will be published in a later issue.)

FROM THE MONROE SCENE:

SEGREGATION DOES NOT PAY!

The Jones Drug Co., Inc., long considered a pillar in the local world of commerce has closed its doors after more than 30 years of continuous (Walgreen) service. The Jones Drug Company's case against Robert F. Williams, editor of THE CRUSADER, is currently on appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. Williams was indicted by the firm on charges of trespass as a result of a sit-in demon-

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such bad leadership. They believe the lies they've been told about Afro-Americans, if they would stop and think for themselves, they would realize that whether you are black or white, you are human beings. The difference only is in opportunity.

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"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1.

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LIBERTY AND REVOLUTIONS (Continued)

song to its paramour, and lave its pinions in the light of heaven. Who has not seen the tear start from the eye, and listened to the anguish of that gentle creature which gives us its milk, as it mourned over the offspring of its love, immolated on the altar of the rapacious appetite of man?

The meanest reptile of the field, or the noblest beast of the forest, either flies in terror from its tyrant, or repels the oppression that would rob its free limbs of liberty. Who hath not seen the majestic lion, the noblest of his nature, strike, in his shame, the bars of his bondage; and who hath not heard him groan in agony at his degraded destiny? Who hath not heard of the huge elephant, whose noble and natural disposition is to protect the oppressed and punish the oppressor, the generous creature that never received a benefit without giving some token of gratitude, and never met an enemy without marking him for vengeance?

--By The Milford Bard

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FROM THE MONROE SCENE (Continued)

stration at the company's segregated lunch counter. Since the race incidents growing out of a segregation policy, Jones' business has been steadily on the decline.

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DADDY, SING ME SOME BLUES

Black Man ain't got a chance in this mess
White Man got all the best
We got worse than less
Daddy, sing me some blues

Child cryin' from a broken down shack
Mother pickin' cotton in the field
There ought to be some kind of revolt
Daddy, sing me some blues

Daddy, Daddy, why you got to live
Blistered hands, pocket full of empty,
Drink of gin don't ease much load
Daddy, sing me some blues

Boss man reach in your pocket
Steal your soul
Make you rob your brother
Sing you some blues-

Partner, you need a gun!

- Charles L. Anderson

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